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SUBJ: AFGHANISTAN AT UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

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1. ACTING DCM JUNE 10 RAISED QUESTION OF UNGA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WITH MINISTRY MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SAMAD GHAS. QUESTION ASKED WAS GENERAL: TO WHAT EXTENT HAD AFGHANS BEGIN TO PLAN FOR SESSION, AND TO WHAT EXTENT WERE THEY READY TO TALK WITH US ON QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SPECIAL SESSION.

2. REPLY WAS THAT IN ADDITION TO BEING PRESSED WITH OTHER BUSINESS, MFA PREFERS NOT TO PLAN FOR OR TAKE UP SPECIAL SESSION UNTIL CONCLUSION OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (THE JIDDA ISLAMIC SUMMIT AND THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AT LIMA WERE SPECIFICALLY CITED) WHERE POSITIONS OF OTHER NATIONS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE STATED AND DISCUSSED.

3. GHAS DID HOWEVER PREVIEW AFGHAN POSITION AS ONE LIKELY "MORE FLEXIBLE ON POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS." WE
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INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT AFGHANISTAN, FEELING ITSELF ON

THE RIGHT TRACK ECONOMICALLY BY LINING UP FIRMLY WITH GROUP OF 77, WILL TAKE A STAND ALONGSIDE OTHER LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MATTERS LESS DEAR CAN BE TREATED WITH LESS FIRMNESS.

4. GHAUS SAID ALSO THAT THREE OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO UN AFFAIRS HAVE TAKEN AFGHAN INTEREST: ONE IS AFGHAN CANDIDACY FOR ASIAN SEAT ON ECOSOC COUNCIL, ANOTHER IS RE-NOMINATION DR. TABIBI FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION AND LAST IS AFGHAN PROPOSAL OF TABIBI FOR SEAT ON INTERNATIONAL COURT. (NOTE: GHAUS DID NOT MENTION CANDIDACY FOR UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, SUBJECT OF DEPARTMENT'S A-674.)

5. GHAUS SUGGESTED SUBSEQUENT TOUR D'HORIZON, ESPECIALLY ON UN MATTERS, BETWEEN POLCOUNS AND MFA ACTING U.N. AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR YAHYA MAARUFI. EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT HOWEVER THIS WILL ELICIT HARD INFORMATION OR BRING AFGHANS TO DECISIONS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.

6. ADCM STRESSED AS GUIDELINES OF OUR OWN POLICY TOWARD SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION DESIRE FOR COOPERATION AND AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION, POINTS WHICH WILL ALSO OCCUPY FURTHER CONVERSATIONS AT MFA.

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